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Wendy Davis to: David Gray**

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Thank you, David.

Sincerely,  
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Senator Davis - Al wanted to make certain you had this information.

In the Federal Register to be published on Thursday, March 18, there is an announcement of a Science Advisory Board (Environmental Engineering Committee) meeting on April 7 & 8 in DC. The SAB is being asked to evaluate and comment on EPA ORD's proposed approach to study the potential public health and environmental protection issues.

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**{In Archive} EPA Disapproves Air Permitting Exemption** 

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**From Al**

## **EPA Disapproves Air Permitting Exemption Program in Texas**

(Dallas, Texas – March 31, 2010) Today, EPA disapproved the Qualified Facilities exemption rule that TCEQ had submitted for inclusion in its federally approved State Implementation Plan. The rule allows companies that have Texas issued air permits to avoid certain federal clean-air requirements including public review when they modify their plants. EPA has determined that this regulation does not meet several federal Clean Air Act requirements.

“Today’s action improves transparency by requiring companies that modify their operations to notify the public and will assure that all air emitting sources are properly permitted under the Clean Air Act,” said Al Armendariz, Regional Administrator. “Improved public review will better inform our communities about the environmental conditions where they live.”

The Clean Air Act ensures that businesses across the country operate efficiently and cleanly. Under the Act, all states must develop plans for meeting federal requirements to protect public health, including an air permitting program. Since EPA approved Texas’ major clean-air permitting plan in 1992, the state has submitted over 30 regulatory changes to the EPA approved